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69/326. Venue of annual sessions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965, by which it established the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Recalling also its resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, by which it decided that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should be the governing body of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Recalling further its resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, by which it decided that the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme/the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund should be transformed into Executive Boards,

Recalling its decision 48/501 of 19 September 1994, by which it decided that the United Nations Office for Project Services should become a separate and identifiable entity,

Recalling also its resolution 65/176 of 20 December 2010, by which it decided that the name of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund should be changed to "Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services",

Recalling further its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, by which it decided that the regular sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, now the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, should be held alternately at United Nations Headquarters and at the United Nations Office at Geneva,

Recalling its resolutions 61/16 of 20 November 2006 and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the participation of developing countries in the sessions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations

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Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services held in Geneva has been less than that in those held in New York,

Noting the larger presence of missions from developing countries in New York,

Recognizing that the primary focus of the United Nations development system continues to be developing countries,

Recognizing also the financial burden that the current system of alternating Executive Board sessions between New York and Geneva places on developing countries and on the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services,

Noting that holding the Executive Board sessions in New York would present significant cost savings to the core resources of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services, which could then be utilized for programming activities of the United Nations development system,

Noting with appreciation the role of the Government of Switzerland in facilitating the hosting of alternate annual sessions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services at the United Nations Office at Geneva,

1. *Decides* that all annual sessions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services will henceforth be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

2. *Encourages* the Executive Board to further discuss and continue existing arrangements to facilitate the participation of least developed countries and landlocked developing countries in the annual sessions to be held in New York.

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